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Sir:

This paper constitutes a submission pursuant to Rule 114 and is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. A Petition for Extension of Time of three months is also enclosed, thereby extending the period of response up to and including June 28, 2008. Since the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day, e.g., June 30, 2008. An Office Action dated December 28, 2007 and an Advisory Action dated March 19, 2008 were previously issued. This paper is set forth as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.